(b) The number of products nvolved being quite large the required details are not readily available.

(c) The High Court in their judgment dated 6-4-87 had quashed the price fixation orders issued by the Government in respect of the first three companies referred to above. The Government have filed appeals before the Division Bench in the High Court against the said judgment.

(d) to (f) M/s. Pfizer had submitted their application for fixation of prices of their concerned products under DPCO, 1987 due to change in the rate of MAPE under the new DPCO. The prices of some of the products have been fixed under DPCO, 1987 by adjusting MAPE on the ex-factory cost allowed in the prices fixed under DPCO, 1979. The details of revised prices are given in the statement (*See* below). The company had also expressed their willingness to withdraw from the court and to implement the prices fixed by way of adjusting the MAPE under DPCO, 1987.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the formulation	Pack Size	Revised price fixed under DPCO 1987
1.	Multivitaplex Elixir	100 ml Bottle	12 84
2.	Multivitaplex Forte Capsule	25's Bottle	8 93
3.	Dumasules Caps.	20's Bottle	7 70
4.	Becosules Caps.	20's Bottle	9.67

Fixing of drug prices without BICP Recommendations

4604. SHRI DHARANIDHAR BASUMATARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the drugs and the companies where prices have been fixed without BICP recommendations;

(b) what are the prices fixed in each case;

(c) what factors were kept in view of fixing such prices;

(d) what is the time taken by BICP in finalising and sending their report; and

(e) how many reports of BICP are pending with his Ministry and since when?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) The name of the bulk drugs for which interim prices have been fixed under DPCO, 1987 pend-

ing detailed cost price study by BICP are given below:

	Rs./Kg.
1. Acetazolamide	746.00
2. Ephedrne Hcl	1016.00
3. Metronidazole (BICP) recommendation is under consideration).	453.30
4. Aspirin	80.00
5. Chloramphenicol Powder	1035.00

(c) The factors that were taken into account in fixing such prices are steep increase in raw material costs, encouraging basic production, allowing return as per DPCO, 1987 etc.

(d) and (e) BICP recommend the prices as soon as they complete the cost-cum-technical study of each scheduled bulk drug. Getting recommendation of fair prices of scheduled drugs and notifying the prices is a continuous process. Appropriate action has been taken in respect of BICP reports received in the department.

Prices of non-scheduled bulk drugs

4615. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to unstarred Question 1359 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th May, 1988 and state:

(a) what are the names of the non-scheduled bulk drugs for which production is being monitored;

(b) what are the names of the producers of each such drug along with the stage of manufacture and production of each during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) what are the names of bulk drugs for which prices have been increased after the announcement of DPCO, 1987 along with their earlier price, their present price and the percentage increase in each case;

(d) whether these companies have submitted the proforma as required;

(e) if so, what are the details of the basis of increase in each case;

(f) what are the names of the drugs for which the prices were found to be justified based on the proformas;

(g) whether any of the prices were found unjustified;

(h) if so, what are the details thereof;

(i) whether the price increases of ATS by 141 per cent and 161 per cent and Vitamin A Acetate by 6 per cent and 71 per cent after Government's interventions are justified; and

(j) if so, on what basis?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) The information to the extent available is given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXLVII, Annexure No. 152]

(c) to (j) The bulk drug manufacturers are free to revise the prices of non-scheduled items as per the provision of DPCO, 1987 under intimation to the Govt. in proper forms. The increases in prices are monitored by the Deptt. on a case to case basis. in additio n